



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, May 7, 2012**

**The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, May 7, 2012 at City Hall, 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Michael Lauderdale, called the Board Meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Michael Lauderdale  
Sam Holt  
Michael Levy  
Kent Anschutz

**Board Members not in Attendance:**

Ramey Ko  
Kim Rossmo

**1. Approval of Minutes**

- a. The minutes for the regular meeting on 04/02/2012 were approved on Commissioner Holt's motion, Commissioner Levy's second on a 4-0 vote with Commissioners Ko and Rossmo not present.

**2. Citizen Communications**

- a. Lee Sherman, Kealing Neighborhood Association President, spoke on his neighborhood association's desire to extend the city ordinance governing "sit and lie" to certain portions of East Austin. Backup documentation archived.
- b. Paul Johnson, retired Austin Police Department detective, spoke regarding the Yogurt Shop Murder investigation. Johnson was the former lead detective on the investigation.
- c. Lori C-Renteria, Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Committee member, thanked the Emergency Services Departments present for their participation in the East Austin Crime Watch Safety Fair on April 28, 2012.
- d. Sabino Renteria, East Austin resident, spoke regarding the ongoing problems with drugs and crime in parts of East Austin, particularly in the following areas: 12<sup>th</sup> St and Chicon; 2<sup>nd</sup> St and Chalmers; and 5<sup>th</sup> St and Comal.

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**3. Discussion and Possible Action Items****a. Strategic Wildland Fire Task Force Discussion**

The following persons spoke regarding their respective agencies participation and functions within the scope of the task force, and gave updates on the progress of the task force:

1. Rhoda Mae Kerr, Chief, Austin Fire Department
2. Justice Jones, Texas Forest Service Program Coordinator
3. Deborah Holle, Balcones Canyonlands US Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge Manager
4. MariBen Ramsey, Wildlife Preserve Manager, Austin Community Foundation
5. Michael Sledd, Park Ranger, Austin Parks & Recreation Department
6. Dr. Steven Carothers, Ecologist
7. Lt. Randy Denzer, Wildland Training Coordinator, Austin Fire Department
8. Carl Wren, Consulting Engineer, Austin Fire Department
9. William Conrad, Environmental Conservation Division Manager, Austin Water Utility
10. Chief Harry Evans, Chief of Staff, Austin Fire Department
11. Chief Bob Nicks, Austin Fire Fighters Association

**4. Briefings and Updates**

- a. No other briefings occurred.

**5. Possible Agenda Items for May Meeting**

- a. Commissioner Levy requested a future agenda item to discuss the possibility of extending the City's "Sit/Lie" ordinance to portions of East Austin.
- b. Commissioner Levy requested that the Strategic Wildland Fire Task Force remain an agenda item next month in order to continue discussions and bring forth a recommendation to City Council.

**6. Adjournment**

- a. Motion by Commissioner Anschutz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Holt. Meeting adjourned.